



COMMITTEE TO  
END HOMELESSNESS  
KING COUNTY

# Homeless Youth & Young Adult (YYA) Advisory Group

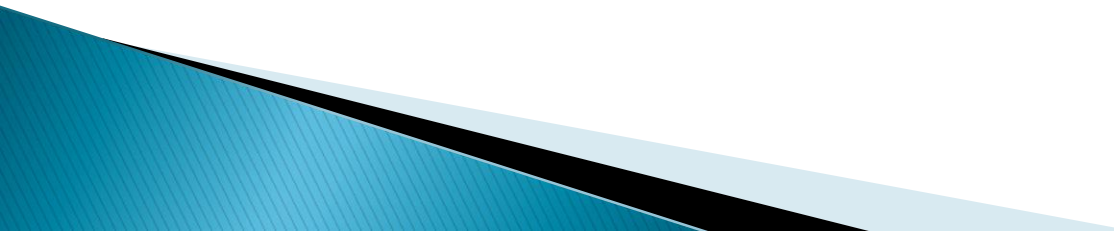
7/16/2013 | 1 – 3pm | Friends of Youth |

The key guiding body for the Homeless YYA Initiative

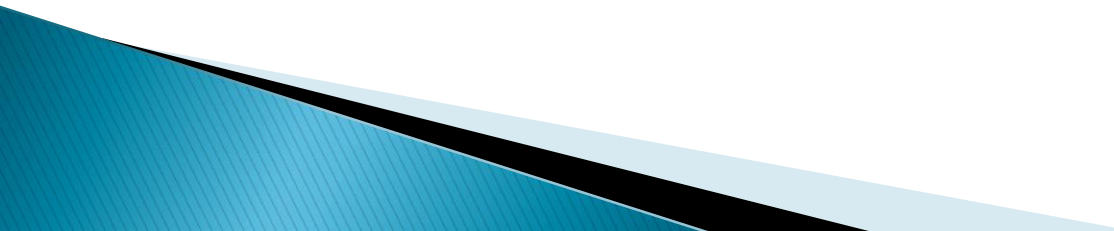
# Welcome & Introductions

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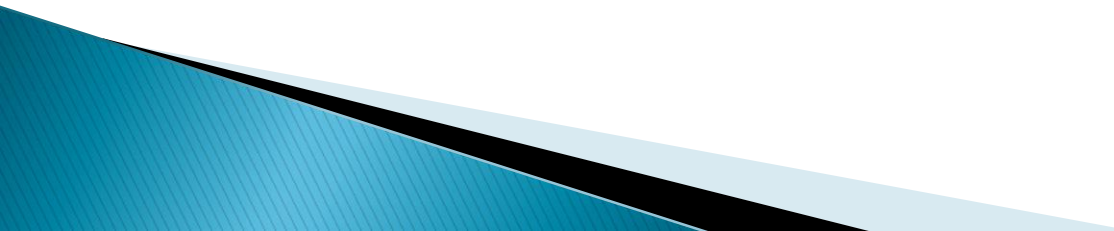
# Meeting Objectives

- ▶ Where are we and where is the Comprehensive YYA Plan finish line?
  - ▶ Priority Activity Recommendations Crosswalk
  - ▶ Communicate process to narrow plan recommendations
  - ▶ **What do you need between now and August 6<sup>th</sup> to have confidence that the final plan recommendations represent our communities best thinking?**
  - ▶ What questions do you want to have answered in evaluation or future study?
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# Where we are

- ▶ Outcomes we're tracking to
    - Priority outcome areas
    - Indicators under each outcome area
    - Longer term benchmarks – track progress from year to year
  - ▶ Priority Activity Input
    - YYA Advisory Group
    - Community Convening
    - Provider Group response to convening
  - ▶ HMIS data
  - ▶ Funding and Services landscape
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# Where we are (cont'd)

- ▶ 12 – 18 months is a short time for impact
  - ▶ Existing programs can move more quickly than new pilot programs
  - ▶ Returns to homelessness data balanced with practice experience in the field
  - ▶ Currently launching system changes –
    - Community Sign In
    - Youth Housing Connection
    - Regional data initiatives
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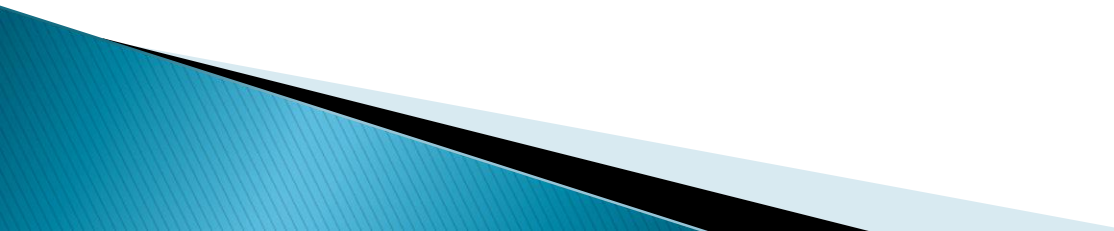
# Priority Activity Suggestions

## Crosswalk of Recommended Priority Activities

YYA Advisory Group 6/4/13 | Community Convening 7/27 7/28 | YYA Providers [AYR, CCS, Friends of Youth, YouthCare, YMCA] 7/12/13

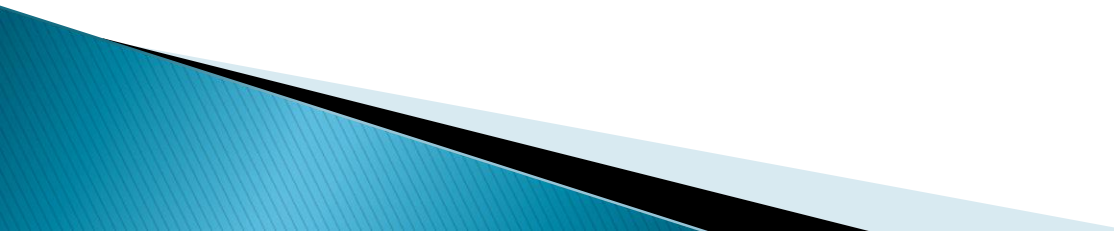
Input Source	Priority Activity	Description	Target Population Low	Target Population med	Target Population High	Benchmarks	Program
YYA Advisory Group 6/4/13	Additional Supportive Services Funding for Existing (and soon to be developed) Housing Programs	With additional supportive services funding, existing housing programs (and housing that is currently being developed) would be able to provide more comprehensive services for the young adults in their housing program		X	X	several	
Convening	Clear Path to Employment	Internship/Employment programs that are specifically designed to connect YYA to identified, available well-paying employment. Critical parts of this intervention are employer liaisons (goal of engaging employers and maintaining those relationships) and job developers/employment specialists (goal of work with youth to prepare them for entrance into the world of employment). YYA Advisory Group also further identified at least one navigator for each area (East, North and South County).	X	X		3. Fewer YYA return to homelessness (either as a YYA or an adult).	Strategic placement of Career Coordinators throughout County and establish centralized Employer Liaison Program for all YYA Providers.
Provider Group			X	X			
YYA Advisory Group 6/4/13			X	X			
YYA Advisory Group 6/4/13	Expansion of Learning Center North Model	Supportive services (including case management, pre-college prep, behavioral health care and job-readiness) at community colleges to connect youth and young adults to education and employment services.				3. Fewer YYA return to homelessness (either as a YYA or an adult).	
YYA Advisory Group 6/4/13	Family Connection - Build Capacity for Staff to Provide Clinical Aftercare when a YYA Returns Home	Provide family with clinical staff to work with parents on skills to deal with crisis and aftercare when a YYA is reunified with the family to prevent young adults from re-entering the homeless system.	X			several	
Convening	Family Connection - Safety Net for YYA who have reunited with family	Family support and crisis counseling to encourage YYA's remaining in their home (if safe/appropriate.)	X	X		3. Fewer YYA return to homelessness (either as a YYA or an adult).	
YYA Advisory Group 6/4/13	Family Connection - Increase Capacity and Training	Increase staff capacity to connect YYA with family/adults by providing dedicated staff at drop-in/resource centers to work with youth specifically on family reconnection as well as increased training for staff at YYA agencies around reconnecting YYA with family and other caring adults.	X			several	
Convening	Groundworks - Wrap Around	Rated highly - not highest priority				3. Fewer YYA return to homelessness (either as a YYA or an adult).	
YYA Advisory Group 6/4/13		Wraparound case management available for youth and young adults who have high levels of need for intensive, flexible supportive services.			X		
Provider Group		"Groundworks" a fidelity based (with detailed evaluation accompanying the work showing results) wrap-around services that target family and peer involvement with the focus on building positive supports and skills. These skills will increase independent living ability and divert youth from returning to the streets by accessing peer/family supports in crisis.		X	X		
YYA Advisory Group 6/4/13	Host Home Programs	Host Home models match homeless youth and young adults with homeowners who agree to provide a safe, stable home and mentoring while the youth works with the YYA provider to identify goals and link with health care, educational and vocational services (young people are sheltered in private, single family homes with an adult or family, rather than a centralized shelter facility).	X			several	
Provider Group	Housing Gaps - identify regional and need based	Over 18 shelter in South King County	X	X	X	2. Length of time YYA are homeless (time on streets or in shelter) is shorter.	New investments in housing and increased support services funding to housing projects in development.
Provider Group	Housing Gaps - identify regional and need based	Low barrier housing to support High Needs youth			X	2. Length of time YYA are homeless (time on streets or in shelter) is shorter.	New investments in housing and increased support services funding to housing projects in development.

# Narrowing Plan Recommendations

- What outcome it will move? – Benchmark impacted
  - For whom? – Target population
  - Why do we think so? – Assumptions around nature of the problem
  - What will it cost? – Input from providers/agencies
  - Where is the gap in King County this addresses? – current landscape, existing services, locations of those services
  - *7/30/13 YYA Advisory Group to receive final plan priority activity recommendations*
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# What to expect between now and August 6th

Plan chapters will be emailed to you for review/comment over the next few weeks:

- ▶ 7/22/13
    - Baseline data section
    - Housing & Services Landscape section
  - ▶ 7/29/13
    - Introduction/background
    - Funding Landscape section
  - ▶ 7/31/13
    - Outcome Goals & Prioritization
    - Recommendations/Call to Action
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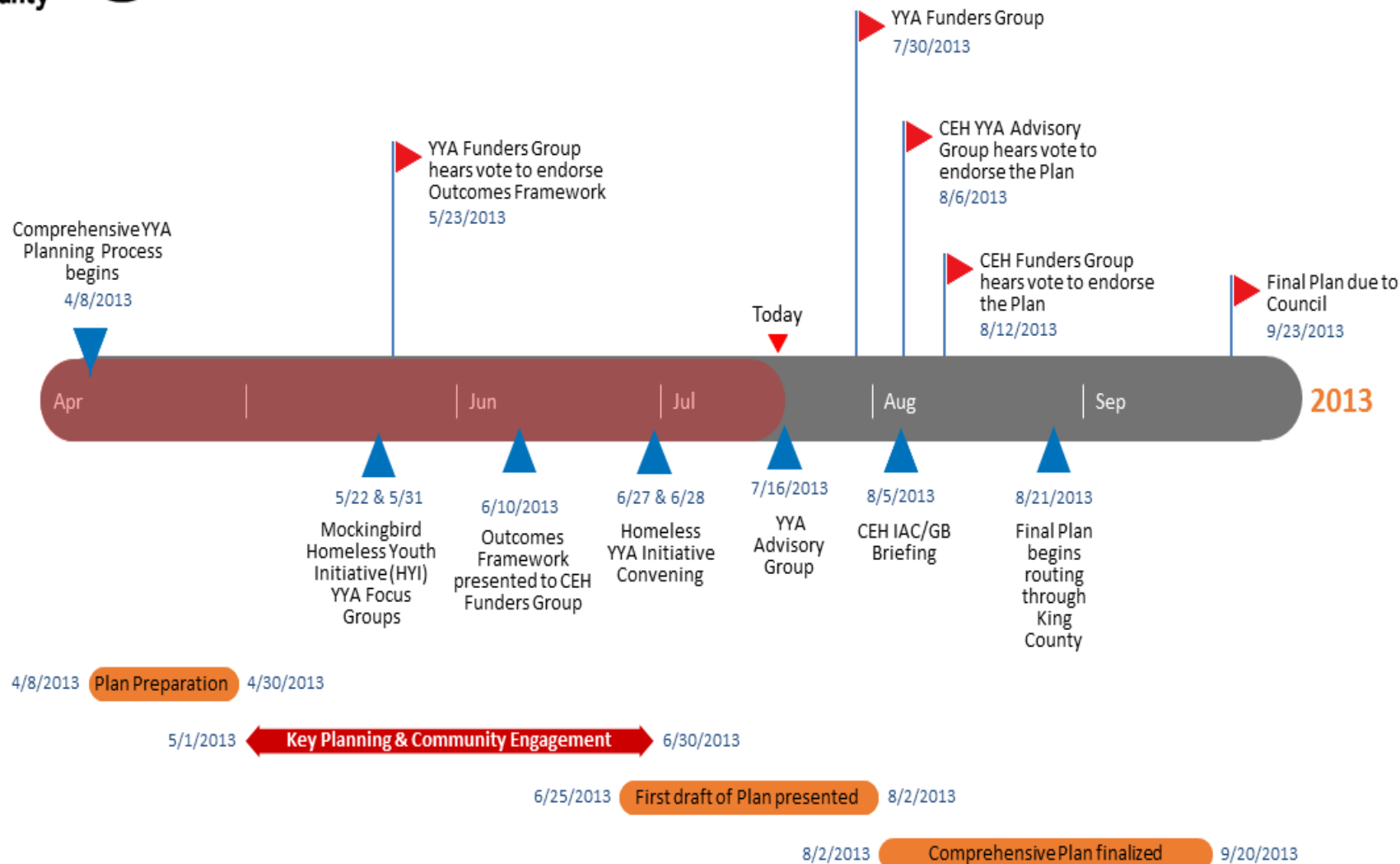


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## Comprehensive Plan to End YYA Homelessness in King County by 2020

Planning Process Timeline & Key Decision Points

As of 7/16/2013



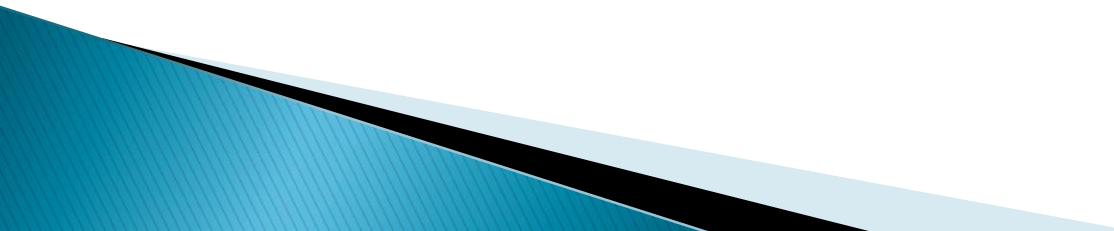
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- ▶ **What do you/your agency need between now and August 6<sup>th</sup> to have confidence that the final plan recommendations represent our communities best thinking?**

- ▶ Plan will include a long-term forecast – anticipated and planned-for points at which we'll refine our direction when new data (YHC, etc.) is available
  - ▶ *Given that, what questions do you want to have answered in evaluation or future study?*
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# Homeless YYA Initiative Updates

- ▶ Youth Housing Connection to launch 7/17/13
  - Delays due to database – prudence due to family system launch
  - YHC name – prevention/family reunification still a focus, longer term direction still housing and services

- ▶ Community Sign In
  - Previously anticipated to launch 7/22/13
  - Open questions around consent form at the front door, process around consent
  - *More to follow this week around next steps here*

# Upcoming

## **Homeless YYA Stakeholder Forum**

July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting CANCELED

August 27<sup>th</sup>, Mercer Island Library 2:00–3:30

## **YYA Funders Group**

July 30<sup>th</sup>

## **Next YYA Advisory Group**

August 6, 1:00–3:00pm

